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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 250-8-11

SUBJECT: FNM – THE 15^{TH} NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONAL HISPANIC NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) EMPLOYEES (NOPHNRCSE) NATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Purpose. To provide information.

Expiration Date. June 30, 2009.

ACTION DUE BY: MAY 25, 2008

The National Organization of Professional Hispanic Natural Resources Conservation Service Employees (NOPHNRCSE) will host its 15th Annual Training Conference in Madison, Wisconsin. The conference will be held at The Madison Concourse Hotel, One West Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin, July 7-11, 2008.

The Hispanic Emphasis Program Managers (HEPM's) will be having their annual training in conjunction with NOPHNRCSE Conference. This function will "provide a great opportunity for HEPM's to fulfill their training and network needs." The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) encourages it's employees to take advantage of career development and professional enhancements opportunities through training subject to the availability of resources agency funds and work priorities.

Employees desiring to attend this conference should see attached bulletin; MN-360-8-10, subject: *NRCS Employees Participation in Outside Organizations* for the procedure to request participation in this event. Supervisors should ensure that employees request for STC approval for attendance are submitted and received at the state office no later than close of business May 25, 2008. Employees approved by the STC for attendance will be notified through their supervisors, and their names will be submitted on Form SCS-FNM-72, Meeting Attendance Approval by Bryan Welp, Budget Officer, by June 4, 2008, to NHQ for final approval.

Once approved, reservations can be made anytime through June 7, 2008. You may make your reservations at The Madison Concourse Hotel by calling 1-800-356-8293 and identifying yourself with the NOPHNRCSE Group Conference. The room rates are \$89 for a single and \$109 for a double.

Contact Cutrina Moreland for any additional information, (651) 602-7882.

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